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*Ghana-Guinea: Ghana's detention of the Guinean delegation en route to the OAU ministerial council continues to disturb the international atmosphere in Africa.

The military government is firmly resolved not to release the Guineans until some of its own grievances are satisfied, and it appears to have strong civilian support for its position. Moreover, Accra believes that many African leaders secretly support its action and, on the whole, it feels pleased with the attention it has attracted. A mediation effort by Ethiopia was quickly rebuffed.

The OAU meeting, which opened yesterday, has already been thrown into turmoil by the Guinea-Ghana dispute. The council appointed a three-nation mission to try to resolve the conflict, but two of the prospective members, Liberia and Tanzania, withdrew almost immediately. A reconstituted mission composed of Sierra Leone, Congo (Kinshasa), and Kenya is expected to depart soon for Accra and Conakry.

Within Guinea, reaction to the delegation's detention led to a serious outburst of anti-Americanism. Following a day of harassment by mobs, the embassy now believes the worst may be over. President Touré has offered increased police protection and one or two influential moderate leaders are expected home from abroad shortly. Nevertheless, the situation in Conakry remains tense at the start of today's national army holiday.

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Dominican Republic: Leftist militants have gained at least temporary control of the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD).

Juan Bosch resigned as leader of the PRD at a convention last weekend. The new provisional secretary general is Jose Francisco Pena Gomez, leader of the party's youth wing, who has recently been attacking the Balaguer government bitterly. Individuals favoring militant opposition to the government were also elected to the PRD's provisional executive committee.

Pena and his young nationalistic supporters advocate "democratic socialism" and may adopt tactics such as political strikes. Adoption of militant tactics would increase the likelihood of cooperation in some areas between the PRD and Communist groups.

Bosch seems likely to withdraw temporarily from party activities, but still retains some influence in his new post as party adviser. Some moderate PRD leaders are threatening to resign. The new leadership is to remain in office until a party reorganization is completed and a national convention held some time next year.

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Nigeria: Secessionist pressures have abated somewhat in the East and Eastern leaders have re-opened an informal dialogue with the leaders of other parts of the country. Eastern military governor Ojukwu, who had been pressing hard for an early resolution of the constitutional stalemate, now says he expects it to continue for several months. Benin City, the capital of the small Mid-West Region, is being mentioned by Easterners and others as a possible neutral site where the East might resume attendance at the stalled constitutional conference.

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